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1. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE IDB BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE BAO DAM PROJECT LATER THIS MONTH. LOCAL SOURCES INDICATE THAT APPROVAL IS LIKELY. TOTAL COST IS NOW ESTIMATED AT AROUND \$45 MILLION, \$38 MILLION OF WHICH COULD BE FINANCED BY IDB. JULIO SAURI, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DOMINICAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION (CDE), UNDER WHOSE AEGIS THE PROJECT FALLS, WOULD PREFER A TURNKEY BID, BUT IDB IS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN ITS PIECEMEAL BID SYSTEM.

2. THE BAO DAM, 100 METERS HIGH, IS DESIGNED TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL 280 MILLION CUBIC METER RESERVOIR TO THE EXISTING 170 CUBIC METERS BEHIND THE TAVERA DAM (THE TWO RESERVOIRS WILL BE CONNECTED). WHEN BAO IS FINISHED, AT LEAST ONE OF THE TWO 40MW HYDRO-ELECTRIC TURBINES AT TAVERA WOULD THEORETICALLY BE ABLE TO OPERATE FULL TIME RATHER THAN JUST DURING PEAK HOURS (AT THE PRESENT TIME, TAVERA IS NOT EVEN ABLE TO PRODUCE THE FULL 80MW AT PEAK TIME ON A CONSISTENT BASIS). ALTHOUGH THE DOWN STREAM IRRIGATION POTENTIAL ON THE YAGUE DEL NORTE WILL BE ENHANCED BY THE BAO DAM, THE MAIN REASON FOR ITS

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